

## **AGENDA ITEM #9**

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To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Briefing on CALFED Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Studies  
(For Commission Information Only)

### **Background:**

The CALFED Record of Decision (August 28, 2000) includes a section on Storage. The ROD states that "expanding water storage capacity is critical to the successful implementation of all aspects of the CALFED program." The Rod lists proposed projects to be studied further. These include:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Potential Storage</u>
• In-Delta Storage	250,000 acre feet
• Enlarged Shasta	300,000 acre feet
• <b>Expanded Los Vaqueros</b>	<b>400,000 acre feet</b>
• Groundwater/Conjunctive Use	500,000-1,000,000 acre feet

The Commission has been briefed on the analysis of In-Delta Storage (a.k.a. Delta Wetlands, a four island project in Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties; Webb Tract and Bacon Island would be reservoirs, and Holland Tract and Bouldin Island would be mosaic of agriculture, permanent and seasonal wetlands). Steve Roberts of Department of Water Resources reviewed preliminary findings on the project in May, 2002. Another report is due to be released soon, and a Science Panel review of the In-Delta Storage project is tentatively scheduled for August 2003.

### **Los Vaqueros Expansion Project:**

The ROD states "expand Los Vaqueros Reservoir by up to 400,000 acre feet with local partners as part of a Bay Area water quality and water supply reliability initiative. As part of a Bay Area initiative, an expanded Los Vaqueros Reservoir would provide water quality and water supply reliability benefits to Bay Area water users. As an existing reservoir operated by the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), the Los Vaqueros Reservoir is subject to a number of mandates and agreements. DWR and Reclamation with work with CCWD and interested stakeholders to assure that previous commitments, including local voter approval required for expansion, are respected."